Appointment of Mr. Kamesam in the State service.

387 *MR. K. R. NARAYANAN: Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) when Mr. Kamesam, Expert in Forestry, was appointed in Travancore service;

(*b*) the amount spent till now on account of salary and allowances for Mr. Kamesam and his staff;

(*c*) whether the method of strengthening and using timber by scientific treatment has been given effect to by Government through Mr. Kamesam;

(*d*) if so, whether this scientific treatment has been patented by Government;

(*e*) whether there are any agreements between Mr. Kamesam and the Government; and

(*f*) if so, whether they will kindly state what they are?

MR. C. O. MADHAVAN: (*a*) Mr. Kamesam joined duty here on the 25th February 1938.

(*b*) A sum of Rs. 6,527-21-0 has been expended till 4-12-1113.

(*c*) No; Government have established a plant at Pallam for treating timber and have got a Ranger in the Forest Department trained in the technique of the process.

(*d*) No patent has been taken by Government.

(*e*) Yes

(*f*) In consideration of the royalty which Government agreed to pay, Mr. Kamesam gave this Government the right to treat timber under the Ascu process.

MR. E. JOHN PHILIPOSE: Are the Government aware of the bulletin issued by the Research Institute of Dehra Dun.

MR. C. O. MADHAVAN: No, Sir.

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